

Application No. 10/588,240  
Paper Dated: January 23, 2009  
Attorney Docket No. 5453-061931

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/588,240 Confirmation No. 8244  
Applicants : TAKASHI ABE ET AL.  
Filed : August 1, 2006  
Title : METHOD FOR FABRICATING PIEZOELECTRIC  
ELEMENT  
Group Art Unit : 3729  
Examiner : David Patrick Angwin  
Customer No. : 28289

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

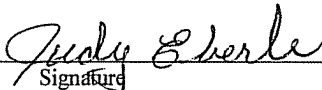
**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit this Information Disclosure Statement, which includes a completed Form PTO/SB/08a and one copy of each non-U.S. reference listed thereon.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the date below.

January 23, 2009  
Date

  
Signature

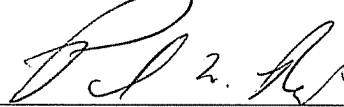
Judy Eberle  
Typed Name of Person Signing Certificate

Attached is a Supplementary European Search Report for counterpart European Application No. 05704378, which cites U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0020188, European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1156584, LI LI ET AL., "Microfabricated Spherical Bi-Convex Quartz Crystal Microbalance Array," and LI LI ET AL., "High Sensitive, Miniaturized Plano-Convex Quartz Crystal Microbalance Fabricated by Reactive Ion Etching and Melting Photoresist," listed on Form PTO/SB/08a.

Since this IDS is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4) and no fee is required. The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650.

Respectfully submitted,

THE WEBB LAW FIRM

By 

Paul M. Reznick  
Registration No. 33,059  
Attorney for Applicants  
436 Seventh Avenue  
700 Koppers Building  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
Telephone: (412) 471-8815  
Facsimile: (412) 471-4094  
E-mail: webblaw@webblaw.com